

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0032] on page 9 as follows:

[0032] (17) Silk thread according to any one of inventions (5) to (16), characterized in that the N-terminal portion of the fibroin H chain protein fused with the spider thread protein is the peptide of SEQ ID NO: 4 or the peptide of SEQ ID NO: 4 having a deletion, substitution or addition of one or more amino acids, and ~~is a peptide such that~~ the gene coding for the peptide retains the function of enhancing promoter-dependent exogenous protein expression.